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Church repairs, farewell to newsman and bad news for ladies at Christmas

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LOOK THROUGH THE **CAMBRIDGE**
NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE
STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Church bombed in war will be ready by summer - 1955

The little church of the Holy Trinity at Heydon stands in a tree-screened churchyard on the hills near Royston.

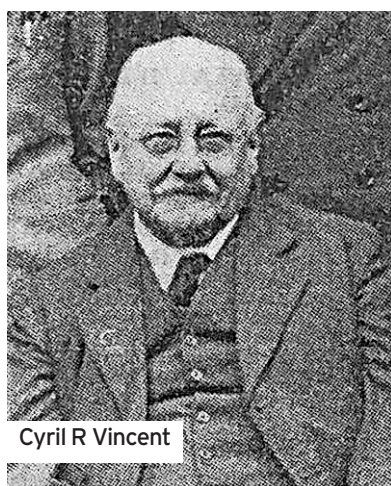
It is in quite an isolated spot but, by freakish chance, an odd enemy bomb fell on it during the 1940 raids and did considerable damage. The five bells were blown out of the tower, one bounced across the road into the schoolyard, without cracking.

Parishioners have continued to worship in the rectory, the organ, altar and pews to seat 70 people being accommodated in a suitable room.

Eventually, the War Damage Commission agreed to meet the cost of rebuilding and it is hoped to be ready by summer.

Death of city newspaperman of 50 years - 1943

Cyril R Vincent, who for 50 years was associated with the Cambridge newspapers, Cambridge Daily News



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and Cambridge Independent Press, has died. Mr Vincent lived at Swavesey where he organised political and other functions.

In 1896, he became village correspondent for Swavesey, first in the Cambridge Express, then Cambridge Weekly News (later Cambridge Independent Press and Chronicle).

In 1922, he was appointed to take charge of village correspondence at Cambridge Daily News; he kept a

Folk Museum celebrates fiftieth year - 1986

CAMBRIDGE Folk Museum celebrated its 50th Christmas by throwing a party for all the people who have helped to make its golden anniversary year a success. Curator, Tom Doig, said: "It has been a very exciting year for the museum.

"We have had 50 per cent more people visiting than usual and a lot more public involvement."

During the year, the museum held exhibitions on subjects ranging from model railways to Valentine cards, from dolls' houses to elections.



Curator, Tom Doig cut the cake

record of every paragraph sent in and could turn up any item at will. He retired to Malvern.

'Scene of desolation' as Wimpole Hall set alight - 1937

Fire from an untraced source threatened the historic Wimpole Hall; smoke and a smell of burning were all firemen had to guide them. Finally, after several hours search, they found the outbreak to be in the roof of the west wing where some beams were well alight; one was burnt right through.

Capt Bainbridge and his wife, who is the daughter of Rudyard Kipling, helped remove furniture and piled it

up on the lawn.

Several rooms presented a scene of desolation; they were without furniture and water dripped rapidly through the ceiling.



High Street, Balsham

Schoolboy disappears into pond - others follow - 1914

A curious accident occurred on Thursday afternoon last at Balsham. As the children were coming home from school, one boy pushed another into the pond. The boy at once disappeared.

The chapel minister Rev. A Shaw, who lives opposite, rushed into the pond. The thick mud at the bottom, however, clung to his feet, and he tripped over and disappeared also. His wife then rushed to his assistance.

A man named George Plumb, who happened to be passing held out a stick to which Mrs Shaw clung. Mr Shaw and the little boy took hold of her and were then "hailed in" to safety.

Death of waterman - 1931

Benjamin Lee was a waterman, as were his father and grandfather, and

he could tell of the cruel punishments and hardships lads were subjected to.

Forty five years ago, he went to Stanground and setup as a barge man on his own account.

He started with five old hulks and, by dint of hard work and economy, was able to have 15 new barges built, and a barge in those days cost £120. With the advent of the war, he sold out his barges and, at the close, he set up in business with pleasure boats.

In the winter, he would help his son with his barges and was engaged pouring sugar beet to the Ely factory up to his illness.

Magdalene College gets new riverside extension - 1908

At this period of the winter, Cambridge generally experiences a slump in the building trade but there is one extensive building in progress,

Hairdressers' working hours cut - 1973

Thousands of women planning to look just a bit prettier this Christmas with a holiday hairdo will be disappointed. Leading Cambridge hairdressers have announced they have been forced to cut their bookings by almost half because of gov-

ernment measures that say only five out of the next ten days can be worked.

Joshua Taylor's hairdressing department 'Raymond' said: "We can do simple appointments which won't involve the use of electricity but I estimate we will have to turn about 1,000 people away."



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